Mint of the United States
Philad.a Oct.r 23. 1833

Dear Sir

Yours of the 29th Aug.t with the documents accompanying has been received – The specimens of coins alluded to therein were handed me previously by Mr. Walsh.

The price asked for instruction on the subject of parting gold and silver, by the House* from which you have entertained a proposition conditioned on the approval of it here, is, as you had no doubt anticipated regarded as utterly inadmissible. It would be proper to leave no doubt with the party on this point. Before any consideration can be contemplated, approximating in amount to that proposed by the House in question, the subject must be referred to Congress, as it far ~~would~~ transcends the limit to which I can suppose my discretion, or that of the Head of the Department, in regard to the appropriation for incidental and contingent expenses of the Mint, extends – The terms proffered by another refinery which you mention, viz.× 9000 fr. I think may eventually be authorised by an appropriation during the approaching session of Congress, if more liberal conditions are not tendered in another place.

Full confidence is felt that you will not enter into any engagement of doubtful propriety as to expense, knowing your discretion and thoughtfulness. In my letter of Sep.r 30 however that you might feel more assured of my views in this respect, I have again drawn your attention to this point, requesting you to make no contract in regard to a fee, unless it be for an amount not exceeding

× This should be 12000 francs.

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incidental expenses left with me on your departure, without first referring the subject for decision here". I have only to add, that on full consideration of the state of things presented by your last, I do not feel authorised to extend your discretionary latitude in this respect.

Do not, I would again say, allow yourself to become impatient of the delay thus incident to the prosecution of one of the objects committed to you. The assay process and your other employments are very usefully occupying your time. I shall shortly hear of the result of your visit to London, and will thereupon write you again. I defer until then any further suggestions. —

With great respect
Yours truly
Saml Moore

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